

Fishermen Find Improved Conditions at Boston.

It looks as though T wharf had started in on a week of high prices, on haddock and cod at least, for today's figures are certainly gilt edge. There are only nine vessels there, showing the effect of the blowy weather and storms which have prevailed since last Thursday have had upon the operations of the fishing fleet.

Of the off shore craft, sch. Alice M. Guthrie leads, with 75,000 pounds, about all hake and cusk, while sch. Josie and Phebe has 52,000 pounds, nearly all cod and haddock. Both crafts are in for good stocks.

Of the market boats, sch. Sylvia M. Nunan has 40,000 pounds, but these are nearly all hake. Haddock and cod are in very scant receipt, which accounts for the fancy figures offered.

When the bell rang, off shore haddock brought \$3.75 and shore goods \$5.10, large cod went from \$3.50 to \$5.10 and market cod from \$2 to \$5.10, the latter quotation coming from the fact that one of the little crafts sold her small catch right through at that price. Hake ranged from 75 cents to \$2.25 and cusk brought \$1.50.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

In sinking and artesian well at the Savoy Hotel, London, the other day, says the London, Fish Trades Gazette, two perfectly preserved fossil oysters were brought up from the surface of the Thanet sands, 176 feet beneath the ground. Geologists state that they must have been deposited there in the pre-glacial epoch, at least 80,000 years ago. It is appropriate that the remains of these ancient bivalves should be disinterred on a spot where epicures now do congregate, and where, perhaps, prehistoric gourmets obtained their supplies.

Reports from the French fishing fleet operating on the grand banks indicate a prosperous season. Several vessels which have been in at North Sydney, C. B., for bait this spring have been heard from with large catches.

On April 15 a San Francisco fisherman named Charles Todder left Unga, Alaska, for Squaw Harbor nearby, but was unable to reach his destination, being frozen to death on the trail.

The total results of the cod fisheries of the whole of Norway, including Finmarken, up to the first of May, amounted to a catch of 45,700,000 fish, against only 37,800,000 last season. Of those 22,200,000 were prepared into round stockfish, against only 13,500,000 last season.

Great schools of pollock are now running off the Montauk lighthouse, and it is the season of the year when the Fort Pond and North Bar hand-line fishermen make big money. A glance to seaward from the lighthouse any day during the past week would reveal a fleet of from thirty to forty power boats and dories engaged in trolling for fish. Tide and weather conditions have a great deal to do with the pollock's biting. Some days the fishermen bring in 2000 and 3000 pounds to a single boat.

The customs officials at Vancouver, B. C., are awaiting the return of the American schooner Sophie Johnson to levy a fine of \$400, which will offset the salvage claimed by Capt. Quinn of the schooner for the salvage of a derelict northern acetylene gas beacon which was picked up by the Sophie Johnson some months ago and towed to Prince William Sound. The customs people say that the craft failed to enter and clear.

A number of experiments made by a German investigator, Dr. H. N. Maier, appear to show that fishes do not as a rule hear sounds, and confirms in this respect the conclusions of several other anatomists and physiologists.

The finest pearls in the world are found in the pearl fisheries of Thursday Island, one of which, valued at \$15,000, was this year forwarded to London.

Sturgeon fishing in the Delaware river is likely to be renewed. For several years past the fish have been almost extinct, but now that the big fish are running well fishermen will resume the industry. During the past week several sturgeon, valued at \$90 apiece, were caught, and Henry Tolbert and Thomas Saddler, of Delaware City, caught a big one recently that will net them a good round sum.

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Selma, via Boston, 6000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Rex, south seining.
Sch. Aloha, south seining.
Sch. Constellation, south seining.
Sch. Diana, south seining.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, south seining.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, Rips, 50,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, Boston.
Sch. Regina, Boston.
Sch. Pythian, Rips.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.

Bank halibut, 7 cents per lb. for white and 5 cents per lb. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.

Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt., medium, \$2.50, snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Outside sales of drift salt cod, \$3.30 for large, \$2.90 for mediums.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Mary Edith is having a new mainmast stepped at Burnham's shears.

Sch. Norma is having a new mainmast stepped at the Rocky Neck shears.

Sch. Letter D. of Swampscott is on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, Capt. Joseph Silva, will now fit for swordfishing.

Sch. Nokomis is fitting for swordfishing under command of Capt. Edward Stanley.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, Capt. Cooney, will come from Boston today to fit for swordfishing.

Sch. Nokomis is on Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Norma is taking salt from the steamer in the stream for a dory hand-lining trip.

The Vinal Haven sloop Stella M. Coffin is at this port to engage in pollock seining.

The Monhegan sch. Kate and Nellie is at this port, bound south to engage in mackerel seining out around Block Island. She is fitted with small seines which are carried in dories. Last year she did well out there.

Boston.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Jennie P., 3000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 600 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Klondike, 1000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 2500 cod, 35,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 3000 cod, 60,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.

Sch. Josie and Phebe, 20,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 16,000 hake.

Sch. Morning Star, 1000 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.75 to \$5.10 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$5.10; market cod, \$2 to \$5.10; hake, 75c to \$2.25; cusk, \$1.50.

TWO ARRIVALS HERE.

Heavy Weather Interfered with the Pollock Seiners.

The only arrivals here this morning, outside of the returning southern seiners, are sch. Selma for Boston, where she landed her halibut trip, with 6000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Olive F. Hutchins, one of the pollock seining fleet, with 50,000 pounds of fresh pollock.

The recent heavy weather has interfered materially with the operations of the pollock seiners, as they have been unable to do anything since last Thursday.

Lunenburg, N. S., Fish Notes.

Sch. Lantana, Langille, cleared Friday for coast fishing.

Sch. Mildred M. Bell, Bell, arrived Friday from LaHave with 20,000 feet of heading. Friday afternoon she cleared for coast fishing.

Brigantine Sceptre, Burke, is loading lumber and fish for West Indies.

Sch. Electro and Falcon sailed Friday for the Grand banks via Riverport.

NETTER JULIETTA BLOWN TO SEA.

Foremast Head Was Carried away in Gale on Friday Morning.

Obliged to Keep on One Tack for Twenty-four Hours.

Mackerel is a scarce article at present. One little netter at Newport last night had 250 fish and this morning, at New York, sch. Julietta has 1000, and sch. Lillian 900 fish. The Julietta had a frightful experience in the recent heavy northeaster, being blown far to sea, damaged, and threatened with destruction.

Capt. Lars Olson of the Julietta told a Times correspondent at Fulton Market that he got his fish Thursday night 20 miles east of Winter Quarter lightship, and that Friday morning, 35 miles southeast of Barnegat, she was struck by the heavy northeaster which swept the coast with such fury.

The little craft had a hard time of it. Her foremast was carried away, and Capt. Olson had to keep her on one tack from Friday morning, and in that time was blown 100 miles out to sea.

Capt. Olson reports that the gale was exceptionally heavy, while the sea rose to an unusual height. Great seas swept over the little craft, almost burying her, and there were times when it seemed that she would not be able to free herself, but she came back nobly and at last worked back onto the coast and up to market.

Six of the seining fleet, schs. Mary T. Fallon, Constellation, Marguerite Haskins, Diana, Rex and Aloha sailed this morning for the Cape Shore.

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Dr. Grenfell's Schooner Delayed.

Dr. Grenfell's sch. Lorna Doone which was formerly a well known fishing schooner of this port, has been delayed on account of ice pack in the north. Last year the schooner arrived at Boston May 20, and sailed away May 27 with a cargo of supplies. The schooner is expected by the end of May. The members of Dr. Grenfell's parish are needing trousers—a suit of clothes for these working men who are to build the new hospital and give such labor as the Mission requires would be the best payment they could receive. There is a great need of men's clothing—the winter having been long and severe, and clothing will be much needed—especially for working men.

Lobsters Reach Pacific Coast.

A carload of lobsters which were brought from the east by the Dominion government has been taken to the east coast of Vancouver island by the Dominion fisheries cruiser Kestrel. They have been put down in a small bay on the north side of Mudge island, where they will be kept under observation.

The lobsters were brought out in charge of Messrs. Cunningham and Findlayson, the former of whom is Dominion superintendent of fish culture. This consignment consisted of 1,600 lobsters. They arrived in good condition.

Lunenburg, C. B., Fishing Notes.

Sch. Shamrock went on the marine railways Saturday morning for repairs.

Sch. Transvaal, Corkum, cleared Friday for the Grand banks with 15 men.

Sch. Marina, Schmeisser, from LaHave, arrived at Zwicker & Co.'s Friday with fishing supplies. She went on the marine railways Saturday morning.

Pollock Plenty Off the Piscataqua.

Pollock are so thick over Portsmouth way in the Piscataqua river that there seems to be nothing else swimming there. So says a Portsmouth exchange. Looks as though it would be a good place for the pollock seiners, if it were not for the new three mile limit law, which prohibits seining within that distance of the New Hampshire coast.

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Gone to Liverpool, N. S.

Capt. William H. Collins, agent of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Co., is at Liverpool, N. S., superintending the floating of the schs. Lena and Maud and Judique.

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FISH AT FAMINE PRICES.

Highest at Boston Since Scarcity of Last Winter.

There are less than 50,000 pounds of fresh fish at Boston this morning and the prices are the highest since the fish famine of last winter. Haddock and cod are quoted at from \$6 to \$7 per hundred weight, hake are bringing \$1.50 to \$3 and cusk from \$1.25 to \$1.75.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan is high boat with 23,000 pounds and is in for a big stock. Sch. Tecumseh will fare well on 16,000 pounds. Trade is brisk and fish in good demand.

HAD STORM HEAVY

Northeaster Was Very Severe on the Cape Shore.

The heavy northeaster which raged on this coast from Thursday to Saturday night was also very heavy on the Cape Shore and was felt with great severity along Cape Breton and on the fishing grounds in that vicinity. Forty-five vessels caught off the Cape Breton coast ran for North Sydney harbor, for shelter and three of them came to grief. No disasters have been reported to any of the big Gloucester fleet fishing in that vicinity, although they must have had the storm severe.

Sch. Omega, Capt. Beck, of Charlotetown, P. E. I., while attempting to pass through Grand Narrows bridge, was caught by an eddy and was driven against the side of the draw with such force that her bowsprit and headgear were carried away. The vessel was disabled and was brought to North Sydney in tow of a tug.

Sch. Falmouth of Sherbrooke, bound for Louisburg, is ashore on White's Point at the entrance of Canso.

The Newfoundland fishing schooner Blanche M. Rose, ran ashore on Cranberry Head, when entering North Sydney and remained aground until last evening, when she was hauled off by the tug Iona. She is leaking badly.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Sand Point—Cod and lobsters fair. Liverpool—Alewives, cod, haddock, lobsters and salmon plenty; two American mackerelers in port.

Lunenburg—Cod fair; lobsters scarce.

Salmon River—Lobsters and trout fair.

Isaac's Harbor—Cod and lobsters fair.

West Arichat—Cod fair.

Arichat—Cod and haddock fair.

St. Ann's—Herring plenty; lobsters fair.

Cheticamp—Herring plenty; cod fair; lobsters scarce.

Anticosti—Herring very plenty.

Magdalen Island—Herring very plenty.

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Of those shifting over and fixing up, schs. Rita A. Viator, Ida M. Silva, Motor, Nokomis, Ellen C. Burke, George H. Lube, Minerva, Rose Standish, Valentina and Almeida are being put in shape for swordfishing. Sch. Aspinet is repairing the damages caused by her recent collision. Schs. Seacomet, Esther Gray, Ida S. Brooks, Edith Silveria and Mary Edith are fixing up a bit, while sch. Norma is fitting for salt bank dory handling, as is also sch. Miranda, and sch. Thalia is at Pew's wharf, and will probably go drift codfishing. This tells the tale of the fishing craft in the harbor at present.

This morning at 10 o'clock, Pilot Capt. Robert N. Miller reports that there was not a vessel in the bay or in sight to the eastward headed this way.

Portland Fishing Notes.

A large number of Portland fishing vessels will engage in the sword fishing business this season, and some of them, including the new schooner Topsail Girl, will get away this week. Sch. Marjie Turner Monday came off the marine railway, where she has had a general cleaning and a new coat of paint. Schs. Albert W. Black and Lochinvar were also on the railway installing motor engines Monday. All of the above will go in search of swordfish this week, and several others are being fitted out to join them a little later.

The fishing steamer Robert and Edwin in going out to her nets Monday morning, found that one of the buoys supporting the nets, had disappeared and consequently her catch of fish was very light. A temporary buoy was put down and today further repairs will be made.

Lord Brothers evidently do not mean to get caught again in the same fix that happened last winter when their salt sheds were entirely empty, and they had to purchase quite a number of vessel loads at Gloucester. At the present time, in addition to the bark Nostra Signora del Carmine, now 30 days on the way from Augusta, Sicily, with 1600 tons of salt on board, they are looking for the schooner Alexandria, which is fully due from St. Martin's, West Indies, with 16,000 bushels, and have just chartered for June loading the British bark Anna M., which will bring 1300 tons from Trapani to Portland.

The well known lobster smack Lizzie May will be employed in the fishing business this summer, and is now in port fitting out.

Porgies Also Kept Off Shore.

If anyone has reason to be disappointed on account of the unusual coldness of the season it is the Stonington, Conn., fishermen. Among many other reasons which are said to account for the scarceness of fish this spring it is perhaps blamed onto the weather more than anything else. The fisherman have been getting their living from the sea for the last 30 years and more declare that this has been the poorest season, especially for scup, since 1876. A pretty good idea of the poor season may be had from the fact that there are many in Stonington who have not eaten a porgy this spring, when, ordinarily, before this time of the year, every family has enjoyed its two or three messes of this variety.

Any of the fishermen will tell you now that the chances of getting any scup are gone by for this year. All the early indications, they say, pointed to a poor run of porgies. The arrival of butterfish, which were caught several weeks ago, though not in very large quantities, is considered as a sign that the porgies have got by, and that if there were as many as usual up this way this spring they must have kept pretty well off shore. Some of the fishermen seem to think that the variety has been pretty well caught up and that there are apt to be two or three more poor seasons. As is the case with the lobsters it is the opinion of many that there have been too many in the business and the supply has been pretty well cut down.

The loss to the fishermen, especially to the trap owners may be reckoned as several hundred dollars. A good run of mackerel or striped bass would help out somewhat but there are not many of these fish being caught in that vicinity.

Steamer Delayed 20 Hours.

As instancing how severe the recent northeaster was on the Cape Shore, steamer A. W. Perry, from Boston, was 20 hours late at Halifax and sch. Effie May, which arrived from Port Hastings had her deck covered with three inches of snow having encountered a heavy storm off Liscomb and ice formed in the rigging. The rainfall in 20 hours was 2 3-4 inches.

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SEINING STOCKS.

Sch. Constellation Leads the Fleet With \$8477 Gross.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, which was high line of the southern seining fleet this season, stocked \$8477 gross and \$7222.50 clear of the market, the crew sharing \$150.31.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benjamin McGray stocked \$3328.95 clear of the market on her south seining trip, the crew sharing \$84.77.

Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis, stocked \$2414.51 on her south mackerel trip, the crew sharing \$50.45.

Sch. Rex, Capt. John Grady, stocked \$2300 on her south seining trip, the crew sharing \$51.

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean, stocked \$1927.45 on her south seining trip, the crew sharing \$31.19.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston.

Sch. Lewis C. Totman, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Emerald, haddocking.

Sch. Mina Swim, Rips.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, seining.

Sch. Constellation, seining.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.

Sch. Diana, seining.

Sch. Rex, seining.

Sch. Aloha, seining.

Br. sch. Renown, Boston.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, pollock seining.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, halibut-ing.

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Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Outside sales of drift salt cod, \$3.30 for large, \$2.90 for mediums.

Harbor Notes.

There are no arrivals with fish fares here this morning.

Schs. Cavalier and Edith Silveira are on Burnham's railways.

The British sch. Renown has completed the discharge of her cargo of salt herring here, and was towed to Boston today, by tug Eveleth to load coal for Newfoundland.

The gasoline auxiliary sch. yacht Undercliffe is at this port being fitted out with a whole new suit of sails by S. V. Colby & Sons.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Benjamin A. Smith and Indiana were at Liverpool, N. S., on Saturday.

Capt. Charles Colson of sch. Selma reports schs. Agnes and Waldo L. Stream went to the Anticosti halibut grounds, and schs. Mooween and Monitor were at Burgeo and from there went to St. Peters bank.

Boston.

Sch. Tecumseh, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Mettacomet, 6000 cod.

Sch. Beulah Maud, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 300 hake.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 6500 haddock, 6000 cod, 10,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Two Sisters, 500 cod.

Haddock, \$6 to \$7 per cwt.; cod, \$6 to \$7; hake, \$1.50 to \$2; cusk, \$1.25 to \$1.75.

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Crew Made Good Shares.

Sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert B. Porper, stocked \$2861.03 on her recent halibut trip, the crew of 20 men sharing \$61.71.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Charles Colson, stocked \$1767 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$45.98.

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HARBOR BARE OF VESSELS.

Only 22 in Port, All Making Change in Trips.

Only 22 fishing vessels are left in port today, and the most of these are in because of changing over voyages or to go on the railways to fix up. Of the lot, but three are fitted and ready to go tomorrow.

Schs. Selma and Norman Fisher are fitting out for their regular halibut and drift trips respectively, and sch. Cavalier, on the railways, will fit right away again for halibuting.